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EXTENSION OF THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR VANUATU

Note by the Administrator

1. The second country programme for Vanuatu, covering the period 1987-1991 and approved by the Governing Council in June 1986, addressed the following areas: (a) equitable distribution of the benefits of development through a proper development planning process; (b) growth of the private sector and development of indigenous entrepreneurial capacity, in particular employment opportunities; and (c) improved provision of health and education services. In addition, the programme responded to emergency requests for humanitarian aid and relief measures.

2. The third country programme was scheduled for formulation in 1991. However, the election of a new Government in late 1991 necessitated a deferral of the formulation process, while policy decisions were being taken by the new Government and strategies and plans finalized. In view of these developments, the Government has requested an extension of the second country programme for an additional year - 1992.

3. The focus of the extension phase of the country programme will be substantially unchanged. Programmes initiated for human resources development will continue. Strategies for promoting private sector development, as well as employment creation, will also be pursued in an attempt to maintain the momentum created under existing programmes.

4. The extension will provide time for the formulation of the new country programme in 1992 and submission to the Governing Council at its June 1993 session.

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the second country programme for Vanuatu for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.